GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2854
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Privatisation of Drinking Water
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to privatise drinking water supply in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the law under which the same is permissible;

(c) whether the number of urban households with access to water has increased substantially in the past two decades in terms of Millennium Development Goals; and

(d) if so, whether privatisation of water supply will lead to reversal of gains in health, education and gender parity amongst poor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a & b) : No; Madam.

(c) : Yes, the number of households with access to water have increased in the last two decades. The details of number of households with access to drinking water over the last three Census is mentioned at Annexure-A.

(d) : Question doesn't arise.

Annexure-A

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Sl No. Sources of Drinking Water Census 1991
(Urban Households 39523184) Census 2001
(Urban Households 53692376) Census 2011 (Urban Households 78865937)
Total no of households % Total no of households % Total no of households %
1. Tap Water 25713794 65 36865072 68.65 55702011 70.62
2. Well Water 6289260 15.91 4140284 7.71 4851618 6.15
3 Hand Pump/Tube Well 6449647 16.31 11465551 21.35 16371419 20.75
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